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## VIA FACSIMILE & U.S. MAIL

The Honorable Arthur D. Spatt  
United States District Judge  
United States District Court  
Eastern District of New York  
1024 Federal Plaza  
New York, New York 11722

Re: United States v. Valerie Amsterdam  
04 CR 384 (ADS)

Dear Judge Spatt:

I write to call the Court's attention to information pertinent to Ms. Amsterdam's upcoming sentencing. We have been in communication with the Honorable Pierre N. Leval of the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and with Chief Judge Michael B. Mukasey and the Honorable Sidney H. Stein of the District Court for the Southern District of New York. It is my understanding that Canon 2B of the Code of Conduct for United States Judges prohibits judges from providing information to a sentencing court unless the information is provided in response to a request from the sentencing court. Judges Leval, Mukasey and Stein have all indicated their willingness to provide information regarding Ms. Amsterdam to the Court if the Court so requests. I raise this issue because I believe that the input of the judges would be useful to the Court in making a sentencing determination. If your Honor agrees that this information would be useful, I would be happy to communicate your request to these judges.

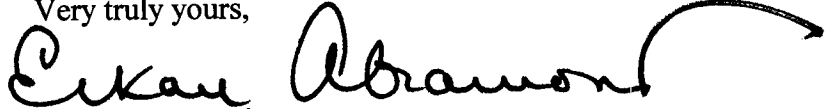
The Honorable Arthur D. Spatt

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Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,

  
Elkan Abramowitz

cc: Clerk of the Court  
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